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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hannu Juhani Leino et al.
Serial No.: 09/445,710 Art Unit: 1731
Filing Date: March 13, 2000
Title: PROCESS FOR STABILIZING THE pH OF A
PULP SUSPENSION AND FOR PRODUCING
PAPER FROM THE STABILIZED PULP
Examiner: Marc S. Alvo
Docket No.: 32107

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 9, 2004. A first one-month extension of time to May 9, 2004 is requested. A check in payment of the \$110 extension of time fee is enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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It is request that the following amendments be entered since they place the case in condition for allowance and/or reduce the number of issue on Appeal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.